

Remarks

Claims 12-19 have been allowed.

Claims 2-10 are allowable.

Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating therein the subject matter of claim 10.

Claims 2-9 and claim 11 read on claim 1 for patentability.

The Rejection Under 35 USC 102

Reconsideration is respectfully requested of the rejection of claim 1 and 11 as now presented as being unpatentable under 35 USC 102(b) in view of Romanowski.

Romanowski relates to protective garments which have incorporated therein flame retarding agents and not anti-static agents. Moreover, Romanowski uses organic halides and metal oxides. None of which result in anti-static properties or are water absorbing. The only reference to antistatic fabric is layer 60 which is radiation cured.

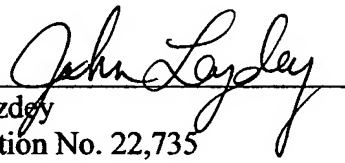
Applicants rely on anti-static agents which are water absorbing or hygroscopic.

Furthermore, it has been consistently held that even a showing that where each of the elements of an inventive existed in the prior art, it is by itself, inadequate to demonstrate obviousness when a combination of those coexisting elements results in novel, unanticipated results. See United States v. Adams, 383 U.S. 39, 51, 148 U.S.P.Q. 479, 483 (1966).

It is respectfully submitted that all issues raised by the Examiner have been met.
If there are any outstanding issues the Examiner is requested to telephone the
undersigned.

Reconsideration and more favorable action are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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